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**For Immediate Release:**

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## **Suspect Arrested a Second Time for Arson**



On Friday May 22, 2015 at approximately 5:00 p.m., Officers with the Coalinga Police Department and Coalinga Fire Department responded to 271 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street regarding a structure on fire. It was found that a couch that was sitting against the rear of this address had been purposely set on fire.

At approximately 7:20 p.m. Officers and Detectives made contact with Michael Stewart on 5<sup>th</sup> Street at Lions Park. After a short line of questioning, Stewart admitted to setting the fire behind the structure as well as an estimated 20 other fires throughout the City of Coalinga within the past year.

Stewart was previously arrested for arson on 05/01/2015 for another arson within the City of Coalinga.

Stewart was booked into the Coalinga City Jail where he awaited transport to Fresno County Jail

Stewart is presumed innocent until proven guilty.